

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2588 - HB 2631

February 17, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL:

- Requires entities that transport hazardous waste or materials to initiate a criminal background check on employees transporting such waste or material. Specifies that such employees must provide references, agree to the release of investigative records or other required information, and supply a fingerprint sample.
- Provides any cost incurred by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation in conducting investigations of such applicants may be paid by the entity transporting hazardous waste or materials, or any agency that contracts with the state of Tennessee requesting such investigation and information, or the individual who seeks employment or is employed.
- Provides civil immunity to an employer who refuses to hire a person or terminates a person for a hazardous waste/material transport job due to information discovered in a criminal background check.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$415,300 Recurring
\$283,100 One-Time**
Increase State Revenues - \$558,000 Recurring

Other Fiscal Impact: An additional \$59,400 one-time expenditure for equipment will be paid out of the TBI Background Check Carry Forward Fund

Estimate assumes:

- Approximately 13,960 persons employed transporting hazardous material will be required to have a criminal background check annually at of cost of \$40.00 each;
- Tennessee Bureau of Investigation will require one additional position, additional operational expenses, and an additional fingerprint workstation resulting in a recurring increase in state expenditures of \$391,300 and a one-time increase of \$226,000 with \$335,000 of the recurring amount paid in fees to the FBI;
- Tennessee Bureau of Investigation will receive \$558,400 increase in state revenues;
- Department of Transportation will have a recurring increase in state expenditures of \$24,000 to have 600 new employees each year who transport hazardous material have a criminal background checks. Department of Transportation will incur a one-time increase in state expenditures of \$76,000 for current employee who transport hazardous material to have criminal background checks.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director